

REICHSTAG PRESIDENT PAYS COMPLIMENT TO GERMANY ON PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
BERLIN, Nov. 30. (Via London.) Dec. 1.—The opening of the Reichstag today was marked by an address of welcome by the president, Dr. Kappeler, in which he complimented Germany on the highly satisfactory military situation in the west and east and the successful conclusion of the Serbian campaign, and a speech by the imperial chancellor, Dr. von Hofmann, in which he announced the introduction of a bill for the taxation of war profits.

Dr. Hofmann urged the speedy discussion of the bill so that no war profits could escape taxation, and promised an actual measure on the taxation of war profits for the Reichstag in the near future. He stated that the Reichstag had the honor to have introduced a graduated scale of taxation based on the amount of the war profits, and also would include a tax on incomes which had increased during the war, but he gave no indication of the extent of the prospective taxation.

The secretary said that the government itself has yet reached no conclusion on the taxation rate and it obviously would be unfair to make it confiscatory, or to regard the project as some wish to do, as a punishment for daring to make profits during the war. The primary object of the measure was to raise revenue toward covering colossal expenditures for the war and for this purpose a considerable percentage of war profits must and should pass into the government's coffers.

The bill was referred to a committee. The president's opening remarks to the house, which, on previous occasions, showed a large proportion of members in army gray, were heard with enthusiasm. He said:

"While in the past the enemy's attempt to break through, undertaken with strong forces, failed when confronted with the contempt of death of our troops and their commanders, while in the east the German and Austro-Hungarian armies held in an iron grip what they have won in battles, which were boldly planned and heroically carried out, while on the Isonzo the Italian, by force of arms, are attempting to conquer the least part of what before the war they could have got from Austria without striking a blow, in the Balkans the fate of arms have been accomplished and events have occurred which, both from a military and diplomatic point of view have been carried through with splendid and unsurpassed certainty and which have enabled us in combination with our allies and with the Bulgarian army to avenge the murder of Sarajevo and to bring to an end, as we hope, for all time, Serbian intrigues which have proved to be so mischievous to Europe."

"In close union of arms with the brave armies of the king of Bulgaria and the Bulgarian people we have achieved our victory. We welcome this from the bottom of our hearts. The Serbian army has been triumphantly defeated. The Turkish army has lived up to its old reputation and has brought about the failure of the Dardanelles enterprise."

"Proud England is troubled about the key to her supremacy. All our enemies have recognized that we are invincible on the battlefield; so, the more eagerly do they cling to their hope to destroy us economically, to conquer us by hunger. As they allow themselves to be deceived regarding our financial strength, which has been proved by the astonishing results of our war loans, so they have also been deceived in their estimate of our economic strength."

"We have come for bread. Potatoes, the most important food of the people, are abundant. If in other things there may be a scarcity, as cannot be disputed, yet the hardships thus caused to a majority of the poorest population will be surmounted by the organization of the provision market. We therefore financially and economically have every reason to contemplate the future with firm determination and unshaken confidence."

The Reichstag then adopted the final reading of the bill, modifying certain features of martial law, giving the emperor the right in case of emergency to suspend the constitution, and to make laws without the consent of the Reichstag.

There was no debate, although the socialist member, Herr Scheidemann, announced that the socialists might take up the question of certain abuses later in the session.

Dr. Hofmann then introduced a bill requiring companies and corporations to set aside 50 percent of their extra profits during the war years to cover their ultimate taxation.

There was no public reference to the question of peace terms during the day's session.

ORDERS SHIP VACATED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A message from Captain Rasmussen of the steamship Genesee of the American Trans-Atlantic steamship company, which was recently captured by a British cruiser and taken into St. Lucia, was received here today by President Wagner of the company, and later forwarded to the state department at Washington. The message follows:

"St. Lucia, November 30. Admiralty have requested steamship today and ordered crew to vacate ship immediately and also have taken proceedings in prize court to get cargo unloading and delivered to master or agents for owners. Proceedings about requisitioning of ship and unloading of cargo appearing December 1. Send instructions to Peter Cas to disposal of cargo if unloading."

"Steamer Genesee."
(Signed) "Captain Rasmussen."
Mr. Wagner declared he wired a protest to the state department with the request that an immediate demand be made on the British government to prevent this illegal proceeding.

Information was also received at the office of the company here that the steamships Hockley and Kanjakee of the same line had been requisitioned for British government use. It was said that the Kanjakee was on her way to Port Stanley in the Falkland islands as a prize.

FORMER PORT COLLECTOR OF SAN FRANCISCO IS SUICIDE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 30.—Frederick Smith Stratton, former collector of the port of San Francisco, was found dead near Pleasanton, Alameda county, early tonight with a bullet wound in his head. The body was found near the Southern Pacific railroad tracks by an automobile party. A loaded revolver was beside the body.

Stratton suffered a nervous breakdown last April and was taken for treatment to a sanitarium at Livermore, Calif., where he had been undergoing treatment ever since. For the last few months he has been dividing his time between the sanitarium and his ranch at Alamo, in Contra Costa county.

He left the sanitarium today for his ranch. At Pleasanton he visited a hardware store and tried to purchase a revolver, but was refused, the dealer told the coroner, on account of the rambling explanation he gave. He was more successful at another store. A shot is said to have been heard from the vicinity of the railroad bridge shortly after Stratton left the town, but there was no investigation, as his body was not found until some hours later.

Frederick Smith Stratton was born in Oakland in 1853 and was regarded as one of California's leading lawyers. He was best known, however, as collector of the port of San Francisco, a post he held from 1890 to 1912.

He was attorney for the United States in the Alabama claims commission case, the French spoliation claims case and the Benson land fraud cases. He was a member of the California state senate from 1895 to 1899.

He is survived by three children, two daughters and a son, and by two brothers, George Malcolm Stratton, professor of psychology at the University of California, and Dr. R. T. Stratton, an Oakland physician.

Shortly before his breakdown Stratton's engagement was announced to the widow of the late William Dargie, publisher of the Oakland Tribune. The date of the wedding was announced, the guests were invited and the wedding party gathered, but at the last minute it was discovered that Mrs. Dargie was out of town. It was after this that Stratton was taken to the sanitarium.

ARCHBISHOP QUIGLEY'S SUCCESSOR NAMED

ROME, Nov. 30.—The Right Rev. George Van Mundein, auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn, has been appointed archbishop of Chicago in succession to the late Archbishop Quigley.

The Very Rev. Ferdinand Brosz, vicar general of Covington, Kentucky, was appointed bishop of Covington, and the Right Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, now bishop of the diocese of Philadelphia, has been chosen as the new bishop of Buffalo.

The elevation of Monsignor Mundein has been received with satisfaction here where he is well known in Vatican circles, having frequently visited Rome. With Bishop Charles B. McDonald of Brooklyn.

SERB CONDITION CRITICAL BUT NOT DESPERATE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

PARIS, Nov. 30.—General De La Croix, one of the leading French military authorities, has a signed article in the Temps this evening, in which he says the Balkan situation should be regarded as critical, but not desperate, and that a resolute offensive by the entente allies against Isid and toward the Bulgarian capital may bring a decisive turn of events.

General De La Croix points out that the Austro-Germans have not attempted a decisive battle, but have confined their efforts to overrunning the country with superior numbers. He declares that their plans failed in the Balkans because of the superior fighting qualities of the Serbian army. The army, although it has been driven westward, can still retire southwest to the Drina valley and effect a junction with the Serbians in the south and with the allies.

To obtain substance supplies, the writer says, is the main problem, but the Austro-Germans have the same problem before them, and it will soon increase as the snow soon will be from six to nine feet deep also.

"It does not seem to me," says General De La Croix, "that the situation should be viewed too darkly. The Serbian army is not yet beaten and its junction with the entente allies is not impossible. The Serbs still have 150,000 men and the allies 300,000 available for resistance and offense."

General De La Croix concludes with a strong appeal for a vigorous offensive by the entente allies in the Vardar valley, with its objective straight toward Sofia.

VICTOR EMMANUEL IS

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less followed into Albania, will in time probably reappear as a refugee. The king, for it is said that 250,000 of them, including soldiers and civilians have taken refuge there and that they have saved all their mountain batteries and a portion of their field guns. The king, it is said, is in the hands of the youth who can fill the gaps when equipments reach them from the Adriatic.

German papers state that Field Marshal von Mackensen's army, with Bulgarians and Turks, is to be directed against the Anglo-French forces in the south, but doubtless many of them are going down the Danube to meet the Russian menace. The public is expecting every day to hear of the movement of the Russian army, which the emperor recently viewed in Deserubia, but apparently the negotiations with Rumania for the use of the Danube have not been concluded. A Budapest report goes so far as to say that Rumania has refused permission to the Russians to use the river through Rumanian territory, which would be the more convenient route for an attack on western Bulgaria.

There also seems to be some hitch in the allies negotiations with Greece, for nothing is yet forthcoming as to the latter country's reply to the latest demands for guarantees of safety and facilities for their entente army operating near the Greek frontier. The Greek reply was expected yesterday and the delay in its receipt leads to the supposition that the Greek cabinet is not prepared to go as far as the entente powers desire.

Artillery, grenade throwers, miners, sappers and airmen continue their activities on the western front, and British monitors are also making things lively for the Germans along the Belgian coast.

The Russians by a counter attack in the region of Bloukist have driven

MONASTIR WAS SURRENDERED TO BULGARIANS ON MONDAY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Monastir was formally surrendered to the Bulgarians on Monday, according to an Athens dispatch to the Daily Telegraph.

On Sunday Colonel Vassitch, the Serbian commander, informed the Greek council of his intention to surrender the city without fighting in order to avoid useless bloodshed. A commission composed of the Greek and Rumanian consuls and his priests was appointed to negotiate with the Bulgarians as to the handing over of the city, and the commission went to the headquarters of the nearest Bulgarian army for conference.

Colonel Vassitch left Monastir by the last train for Florina, while the British consul proceeded by automobile to Greek territory with the archives. Railway communication, adds the dispatch, has ceased between Monastir and Florina.

According to a Saloniki dispatch to the Times, dated November 29, communication with the Serbian telegraph director at Monastir continued up to that time, which seemed to indicate that the town had not then passed into possession of the Bulgarians.

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Bucharest dated Tuesday says: "Fervish preparations are being made at Ruschuk on the Danube west of the Rumanian border, to accommodate fifty thousand Austro-German troops, who are due to arrive there shortly. Many officers with war materials already have arrived. Four Austrian monitors are patrolling the Danube along the whole length of the Bulgarian shore to where the Bulgarian frontier joins that of Rumania."

Telegraphing from Athens, the Morning Post's correspondent says: "The Neon Asty, the organ of former Premier Gounaris, published a dispatch which it says was obtained from a diplomatic source, that Germany and Austria are preparing to warn Greece that if the demands of the entente allies are accepted, Saloniki is made the base of their military operations, the central powers will no longer regard Greek territory as that of a friendly state."

Detlev Coehlin, minister without portfolio in the Greek cabinet, expressed the belief while in Rome that

Greece ultimately would take up arms on the side of the entente powers, according to the Morning Post's Rome correspondent.

FROM RUSSIAN HEADQUARTERS

PETROGRAD, Nov. 30.—(Via London.) Dec. 1.—The following official communication was issued today:

"In the Riga region yesterday there were successful actions by our artillery on several points. In the region southwest of Pilsa, Sunday evening, the enemy attacked the village of Komora, but the attack ceased at noon Monday and was not renewed. Friday evening, on the left bank of the Styr river, one of our units attacked a detachment of the enemy west of Kishinev. After a bayonet fight the greater part of the Austrians were killed and three officers and 51 Austrian soldiers were taken prisoner. Our losses were four men killed and ten men wounded."

"The front, from the Gulf of Riga to the Rumanian frontier, was calm yesterday."

"On the Caucasian coast region the Turks made various attempts to advance, but all of these attempts were arrested."

AUSTRIAN CABINET BOILING

ZURICH, Switzerland, Nov. 30.—(Via London.)—Tumors of impending conflict in the Austro-German cabinet have excited surprise and some apprehension in political circles in Vienna, according to advices received from the Austrian capital.

Austrian parliament has not been in session since the outbreak of the war and the fact is expressed in some of the dispatches reaching Zurich from Vienna that matters of great moment must have arisen to induce ministerial changes at the present critical moment.

YOKUM WANTED TO BE HEAD OF REORGANIZATION COMPANY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 30.—That B. F. Yokum, chairman of the board of directors of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, had been asked to head a reorganization company, was testified before the Missouri Pacific Service Commission here today.

Frederick Strauss, representing J. Seligman and Co., of New York, one of the organization's members to lead of Mr. Yokum's attitude after S. O. Levinson, a Chicago attorney representing Yokum, had testified that Yokum also was asked to head the reorganization company. The voting trust "because it deprived the stockholders of control of the road."

"Yokum called at my office on August 10 last and asked to be included in the voting trust and to be made head of the executive committee," Mr. Strauss said. "Yokum said he had been blamed unjustly for the conditions which brought on the Frisco receivership and that he wanted to help in the rehabilitation of the company."

I talked the matter over with the other members of the committee and their opinion was that the money needed for financing the reorganization could not be raised if Mr. Yokum were a member of the voting trust and chairman of the executive committee. We therefore had to refuse Mr. Yokum's request."

The testimony in the hearing was concluded late tonight and the plan was submitted to the commission without arguments. Briefs will be filed within five days by both the proponents of the plan and the various objectors thereto.

He said tonight he would spare no effort to help in the rehabilitation of the company. I talked the matter over with the other members of the committee and their opinion was that the money needed for financing the reorganization could not be raised if Mr. Yokum were a member of the voting trust and chairman of the executive committee. We therefore had to refuse Mr. Yokum's request."

HEPBURN IS IMPROVING

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

CLARKSBURG, Pa., Nov. 30.—A slight improvement in the condition of Wm. P. Hepburn, former congressman who is seriously ill at his home here, was reported by his physician tonight.

BIG EXPOSITION TO CLOSE ONE MILLION TO THE GOOD

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—A complete financial statement of the Panama Pacific Exposition, with the figures for the past two weeks and for the post-exposition period, estimated, issued tonight by Rodney S. Durkee, controller of the exposition, indicated that when the exposition would be wrecked and its affairs wound up, there would remain a cash balance of \$1,041,556.26.

In addition to paying construction and running expenses the exposition, according to Durkee's statement, spent \$1,056,000 in building the Municipal

Auditorium—the exposition's gift to the city—and \$50,000 on the Philippine organ now in Festival Hall, which will also be given to San Francisco.

The report shows that public subscriptions to the exposition amounted to \$5,825,020; the city and county of San Francisco provided \$5,000,000 and the net proceeds of the state contribution was \$4,541,556.26.

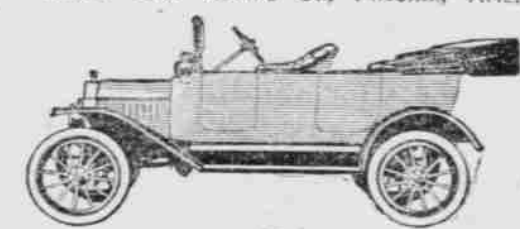
The total cost for construction is \$12,365,136.82. The exposition opened with a deficit of \$1,823,627.90. The exposition period income up to November 1 was given by Durkee as \$6,759,951.24 and expenditures for the same period was \$4,637,252.43.

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FORD WANTS TO KNOW WHO BOOSTS FOR MORE ARMAMENT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

DETROIT, Nov. 30.—Henry Ford, who will leave for New York tomorrow evening, preparatory to sailing for Europe next Saturday on his peace mission, announced tonight that accommodations on the steamer Oskar II had been reserved for fifty newspaper men, mostly from New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Nearly fifty other writers, it was added, had been unable to obtain places on the ship.

Among those accompanying Mr. Ford from Detroit will be Mrs. Ford, Edgell Ford, his son; Wm. Livingston, president of the Lake Carriers' association; the Rev. Samuel S. Marquis and Theodore De Lavegne, a Detroit newspaperman, recently appointed Mr. Ford's personal representative in peace work. Of these Mr. Marquis and Mr. De Lavegne will sail on the Oskar II. The others will probably not go beyond New York.

A. L. Klingsmith, who succeeded James Couzens as vice president of the Ford Motor company, will join Mr. Ford in New York in time to sail with the party.

Mr. Ford is anxious to find out who is backing the moving pictures exhibited in various parts of the country depicting the need for increased armament.

He said tonight he would spare no

expense in obtaining this information.

Barthold Reconsiders

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30.—Richard Bartholdi, former congressman from Missouri and former president of the International Parliamentary Union for the promotion of international arbitration, today telegraphed to Henry Ford that "for personal reasons" he was compelled to withdraw his acceptance of the invitation to accompany the Ford peace delegation to Europe.

In his telegram of acceptance a few days ago Mr. Bartholdi had said: "No good American able to make the trip should decline such a mission." He declined tonight to discuss the reasons for his change of mind.

DAY SAYS IS GROTESQUE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 30.—Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse university here a member of the initiative to select a student for the peace commission. In a letter to Mr. Ford's secretary, the chancellor stated that "the plan is grotesque and will accomplish nothing but the ridicule of your country."

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